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Supporting Vulnerable Children in Gaza: Huda and her family
IRUSA is partnering with UNRWA to provide families of orphans, children with disabilities, and other extremely vulnerable children with a stipend to help families cover basic expenses, such as food, housing, healthcare, and school fees. In addition to the cash support, the project provides children with clothes, school uniforms, and school supplies. UNRWA also organizes recreational activity days and provides parents with awareness-raising sessions in addition to case management services for the most in-need families. Finally, select youth and caretakers participate in vocational training that will allow them to supplement their family’s income.
“My husband died of leukaemia on 2 August 2011. Before he died, he was an employee at the Ministry of Health and our life was excellent, happy and stable. When he was alive, we did not suffer from anything. After he died, everything has turned upside down; life became surprisingly difficult. Raising seven children on my own was very hard and full of suffering especially considering the little children’s massive needs of food, clothes, healthcare, protection, education, entertainment, etc.

“The first three-four years after my husband died were especially hard on me; I used to feel lost and the biggest question was: Am I doing well in raising my children? With the family support and orphans sponsorships, sorrow started to diminish and I became more able to provide for our living. I could take care of my children’s needs instead of spending all of my time thinking about how to make living.”

“It is the third time my children are included in the IRUSA Support to Vulnerable Children project through UNRWA. The project provided cash and psychosocial support that helped provide for their education fees, food, clothes, healthcare, etc. It mitigated huge burden that was occupying much of my time. I now have more time to follow up on their education, skills, and behaviors as less time is spent on how to make a living.”

Huda and her children live at a small humble home of about 80 m² consisting of a hall, two rooms, a kitchen, and a bathroom. The family has an access to clean water from her brother who is actually her neighbor. All the children are in good health, thankfully. However, the house is empty of furniture which makes it so cold in winter.

“Our daily life is really simple and normal like others. We all wake up in the early morning, pray and then I make breakfast to my children. After they go to their schools, I sit alone at home tiding it up, washing the dishes, and preparing lunch. After they arrive, they change their clothes, take their lunch, wash the dishes, and then each of them goes to revise what has been taught at school and do their homework. At night, we have our dinner together; during this meal in particular, we discuss a lot of things, hopes, and ways of reaching the well-being they all are seeking.”
With the help of my children, we cope with these difficult conditions because we all believe that one day we will feel so proud of what we will be achieving; thus, we always try to be stronger. Also, my children always help me feel positive even if I am not, truly feeling supportive by them,” – Huda
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